

Town Unit System Imperilled By Perryism

If Vermonters believe in the principle of home government; If they consider that our fathers laid down a correct principle of government when they established the town meeting; If they foresee a day when Perryism will be applied to Vermont towns in other respects than regulating the sale of liquor;

If they seek to further the day when smaller towns of the state will be smothered by state encroachment; If they believe in the right of every community to pass upon its own problems, they

Will Vote "N" on the Perry Referendum

In the booklet issued by the Local Option League, the following statements appeared:

Governor Charles W. Gates is one of the most consistent advocates of the town unit, which is the corner stone of Vermont's system of local and state government. In his inaugural address he frankly raised the question as to whether the tendency toward increasing the centralized powers of the state was wise. He said:

"One of the most evident manifestations of this change is the tendency to place upon the central government many varied powers and responsibilities that heretofore rested with the people themselves. Just how far we, as a state, should go towards paternal government will be the question often to be considered in our deliberations."

"It would be most unfortunate to have our people relieved of the actual responsibility of citizenship. Such a condition would destroy the frequent safeguards we have to our body politic—individual action, responsibility and independence."

The success of Governor Gates as highway commissioner was largely due to his recognition of the town unit as a necessity in efficient and loyal co-operation. He freely conceded the importance of this principle by giving credit as follows:

"By retaining the town as the unit, recognizing the towns as partners—greater improvement for the money expended than could have been possible under compulsory state control."

Governor Gates sees fit to protest against this quotation and application of his own words. He gave out a statement to the state press in which he declared that he had been grossly misrepresented. But had he?

Judge Tyler Sets the Governor Right

The matter is briefly explained by Judge James M. Tyler, president of the Local Option League, as follows:

"Governor Gates' statement having been called to the attention of leading officers of the Local Option League, they expressed great surprise at the construction that His Excellency placed upon the paragraphs referred to in the local option document."

"The governor signed the proposed prohibitory law passed by the Legislature at its last session, and it is generally understood that it had his personal approval. It never occurred to the officers of the Local Option League that the governor was with them; they knew he was on the other side."

"The document on page 13, calls the attention of voters to the subject of the town unit and to the growing danger of centralized power in government, and on this vital subject quotes, verbatim, paragraphs from the governor's inaugural message, in which he speaks in strong terms of the danger of having 'our people relieved of the actual responsibility of citizenship.'"

"Then that no one may be misled the document says that the governor's success as highway commissioner was largely due to his adherence to the town unit system and quotes another paragraph from the message, in which he applies his sound doctrine to the subject of highways."

"The league would apply this doctrine to the question to be settled at the March meeting."

VERMONT LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE

Raymond Trainor, Secretary White River Junction, Vt.

TOPSHAM

J. B. McLam of South Ryegate and O. D. Willey of Montpelier were in town Wednesday, calling on friends and relatives.

Mrs. Leonard Hood is on the sick list. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hood on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Mrs. H. C. McLam is not as well. Mrs. Jessie McKay is caring for Mrs. George Hood and infant son.

Miss Mary Smith and lady friend, Miss Edith Jones of Woodsville, N. H., were over-Sunday guests of her brother, Charles Smith, at the home of C. E. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leet and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Eastman attended the birthday party of Albert Bedell at East Corinth last Saturday.

C. E. McDonald has gone to New York City for a two weeks' visit with her mother, Madam McDonald, and sister, Miss Evelyn.

Miss Eva A. Sawyer of Watertown, N. Y., has been spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Mills.

Mrs. J. K. White and son, Philip, have been spending a few days at Ryegate corner at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will White.

Eugene Williams has gone to Groton to work for Newton Hall. He expects to move his family there soon.

Elmer J. Mills was in Bradford last Saturday.

The Topsham Creamery company paid its patrons 33 cents for January butterfat.

E. E. Powers was in Piermont last Sunday.

Topsham Creamery company has just purchased from Mr. McLaughlin of Owatonna, Minn., and Mr. Kendrick of Rutland a two-roll Dishrow combination churn and butter-wor. Price, \$225.

Misses Ethel Sawyer, Hazel McLam and Ruth McKay were home from Montpelier seminary over Sunday.

Harold Eastman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Eastman, has gone to Kansas City, Mo., to learn general automobile repair work.

GRANITEVILLE

Regular meeting of branch No. 12, O. W. I. U. of N. A., will be held in the Miles hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is desired. Per order secretary.

RANDOLPH

The house owned by the late John L. Moses, situated on South Main street, is sold to C. M. Johnson, who came from Burlington for the purpose of locating in town. The price received for the same was \$4,000 net, and possession will be given April 1. As soon as Miss Emma Moses closes her school she will at once vacate the premises.

The funeral of the late Rev. G. P. Fuller was held on Tuesday, Rev. Fraser Metzger officiating, and interment was in the cemetery at East Braintree, in which town the deceased formerly lived. The bearers were the resident clergymen, Rev. Thompson, Hamilton, Leeds, and Crawford.

Mrs. Joseph Hamilton received a telegram on Monday, announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Charles Clark, of Pasadena, Cal. No particulars were given, except that she died Sunday night after a short illness. Deceased is survived by her husband and son, the latter marrying the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Bailey, formerly of this place. A sister, Mrs. Alice Fisher Clark, whose husband is a brother, also survives and lives in that place.

It is understood that Gerald Stevens has bought of Mr. Spooner his milk route, and will take possession the first of March.

Mrs. Charles Woodworth, who underwent a serious operation on Monday for the removal of gall stones, is critically ill at the sanatorium. Her husband and mother were in town on Tuesday to see her.

Mrs. F. A. Eaton has for guests, Miss May Bradish of Medford, Mass., Mrs. Schraff and family, and Mrs. Buck from Boston, or vicinity.

It is thought that Mrs. Nettie Rix, who is at the sanatorium for treatment, is making a good recovery.

Fern Rebekah lodge held a military whist party at the Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday afternoon, at which there were eight tables. Following the regular meeting of the lodge, another party was called, to which the gentlemen were invited.

S. W. Slayton left here Tuesday for Brattleboro, where he went to pass a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richmond of Northfield were in town on Monday to attend the burial of Mrs. Dutton, whose remains were brought here from Greenfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis of White River Junction came on Tuesday and went to Randolph Center, having been summoned by the death of Mrs. Davis' father, Henry Gilbert, whose funeral was held on Wednesday. Miss Mary Stearns, a niece of the deceased, also came from Bethel and went to the same place.

GROTON

Body of Mrs. S. P. Ricker Brought from State Hospital.

This community was saddened yesterday to learn of the death of Mrs. S. P. Ricker, which occurred at an early hour at the state hospital at Waterbury, where she was taken one week ago. The body was brought here on the afternoon train and taken to her late home on the Topsham road. Mrs. Ricker was born Grace Boyce, and was thirty-six years of age. She came to this place from Boltonville about 18 years ago, and was soon afterward married to Mr. Ricker. Besides her husband, she leaves three children, Rupert, eight years old, Alice, four years, and Harry, 13 months. The oldest daughter, Nancy, aged 14 years, died quite suddenly about five months ago. Mrs. Ricker was a loving wife and mother, a genial warm-hearted friend, and will be greatly missed in her home and among a large circle of relatives and friends. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Ricker, as the circumstances of his wife's death are particularly sad. The funeral arrangements are not completed at this writing.

Mrs. James Markham went to White River Junction Saturday to pass several weeks with her husband.

Mrs. L. N. Hall was in Barre Friday and Saturday, to visit her nephew, C. J. Pillsbury, at the Barre City hospital.

William Foley returned Saturday night from a two days' visit with his parents at Roxbury.

Mrs. L. S. Blanchard was a visitor at Wells River Saturday.

The Needlecraft club will hold a gentlemen's night at the Knights of Pythias hall Friday evening, March 3. Members and their families are cordially invited.

Miss Grace Dennis, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dennis, since the accident to her father two weeks ago, returned to Northampton, Mass., Monday.

Nelson Ricker and Harold Taylor were at Wells River and Woodsville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Page visited their son, Henry Page, and family at Monroe, N. H., over Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Ricker visited her sister, Mrs. John Ingram, at Baze Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chalmers and son, William, returned Monday from an over-Sunday stay at St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. G. H. Pillsbury returned on Monday from a week's visit at Lyndonville.

Mrs. Helen Ricker, Mrs. James Smith, Bernard Smith, and M. D. Coffin were business visitors at St. Johnsbury on Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Stevenson returned to her home at St. Albans on Friday, after a three weeks' stay with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Lewis.

Grover Smith of St. Johnsbury was an over-Sunday visitor at the home of Mrs. A. M. Heath.

Mrs. Josephine Clark and son, Robert, of Wells River, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Clark on Saturday.

WASHINGTON

Washington grange, No. 268, will hold its regular meeting Friday night, Feb. 25. It is expected the third and fourth degrees will be worked on a small scale. The following program will be given: Song, choir, "Hurrah for Old New England"; sketches on life of George Washington; music, orchestra; paper, "Improvement in Modes of Travel Since Our First President Was Elected," Mrs. I. L. Wood; music, orchestra.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Board of Civil Authority. The board of civil authority of the town of Williamstown are hereby notified and warned to meet for the purpose of abating taxes and any other business that may come before said board at Williamstown on the 26th day of February, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Dated at Williamstown in the county of Orange this 22d day of February, A. D. 1916. Glenn F. McAllister, Town Clerk.

What to Do for Itching Skins

There is usually immediate relief for skin itching, burning and disfigured by eczema, ringworm, or similar tormenting skin trouble, in a warm bath with resinol soap and a simple application of resinol ointment. The soothing, healing resinol medication stops itching at once, and soon clears away all trace of eruption, even in severe and stubborn cases, unless the trouble is due to some serious internal disorder. You need never hesitate to use resinol. It is a doctor's prescription that has been used by other physicians for twenty years in the treatment of skin affections. It contains absolutely nothing that could injure the tenderest skin. Every druggist sells resinol ointment, which resinol soap. Resinol Soap soothes tender skins and helps to make poor complexions clear, fresh and velvety, because it contains this resinol prescription.



EAST CALAIS

Mrs. Almira Pierce Died of Bronchial Pneumonia—Son-in-Law Very Ill.

Mrs. Almira Pierce died Saturday, Feb. 19, at 5 p. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Dwinell, aged 82 years, seven months. Her death was due to bronchial pneumonia, from the effects of which she was unable to rally. Her three daughters were with her at the time of her death. A brief funeral service was held Monday at her daughter's home, which was private because of the serious illness of Mr. Dwinell, and the body was placed in the tomb at East Calais. Memorial services will be held later at Moretown, with burial in the family lot beside her late husband, S. B. Pierce.

Mrs. Jennie Slick returned to her home in South Bend, Ind., Tuesday.

Miss Esther Dwinell returned to Montpelier seminary Tuesday after a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Dwinell.

Miss McCaugh returned to Cottage hospital, Woodsville, N. H., after waiting for Mrs. Pierce at Dell Dwinell's.

Mrs. George Carley was a visitor in Montpelier Tuesday.

Mrs. Alvin Lewis is keeping house for A. E. Holt.

Miss Hazel Weeks spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Will Royce.

Mrs. Frank Marsh was a visitor in Plainfield Tuesday.

MARSHFIELD

Mrs. Charles Clark, Former Resident, Dead at El Monte, Cal.

News was received Monday from El Monte, Cal., of the death of Mrs. Charles Clark, who will be remembered as Miss Carrie Packer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Packer. She was born and brought up in this town and was a successful teacher for several years. A few years after her marriage she and her husband went to Whitman, Mass., where they resided until six years ago, when they moved to El Monte, Cal. She was 55 years of age and leaves, besides her husband, a son, a daughter and one grandson, all residing in Pasadena; four sisters, Mrs. Joseph Hamilton of Randolph, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Mark Mears of Marshfield, and one brother, S. H. Packer, also of Marshfield. It comes as a great shock to the friends and relatives here, as her illness was so brief that no tidings had been received. The sympathy of the community goes out to them in their bereavement.

NORTHFIELD

Miss Lillian Roberts of Barre spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts.

Mrs. George L. Tupper and son, Douglas, are visiting relatives in Burlington.

John Davis of Dartmouth college spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Davis.

The town reports have been issued and were mailed to the voters Saturday.

Frank W. Dorey spent yesterday with friends in Burlington.

Company F defeated Bethel at the armory Friday evening, 31 to 23.

George L. Tupper of the tax department has gone to Montgomery on a business trip.

Mrs. Ira L. Reeves and daughter, Dorothy, were in Burlington yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. John L. Tucker was held Friday at 3 p. m. from St. Mary's church, Rev. T. S. Ockford officiating. The bearers were N. W. Richmond, Morris Herlihy, H. D. Gibson, J. W. Bullock, Alex. Eddie and W. H. Moriarty. The remains were taken on the midnight train that night to New York City, accompanied by the family, for burial in Greenwood cemetery.

Miss Nellie McCarthy was called to Windsor Monday by the death of Mrs. J. Edward Hoxington. Mrs. Hoxington will be remembered here as Miss Kate O'Leary.

A large number from here went to Burlington last night to attend the "kollege kake walk."

Wallace E. Gilbert of the Frank McWhorter company of Barre was a business visitor in town yesterday.

OUR YOUNG WOMEN

are so often subject to headache—are languid, pale and nervous—because their blood is thin or insufficient. They are not really sick and hesitate to complain, but they lack that ambition and vivacity which is their birthright. They do not need drugs—but do need the tonic and nourishment in Scott's Emulsion that makes richer blood, fills hollow cheeks, suppresses nervousness and establishes strength. Nourishment alone makes blood and Scott's Emulsion is the essence of concentrated nourishment, free from wines, alcohols or opiates. If mother or daughter is frail, pale or nervous, give her Scott's for one month and see the betterment. It has a wholesome, "nutty" flavor. Avoid substitutes. At any drug store.

WATERBURY

Frightened Horse Races with Train Only to Fall and Be Cut in Pieces.

James Gilmore lost his horse Monday in a tragic manner. He was unloading butter at the freight depot when steam from a passing engine enveloped the horse and frightened her. She made a plunge towards the track and ran alongside the train nearly to the dry bridge, when, in attempting to climb the bank, she slipped, fell back, and was run over by the train, her head being severed and body badly mangled. The train was an afternoon freight going north. The runaway created much excitement.

A fine concert by the Sheridan boys was recently given in St. Andrew's hall. The following program was rendered: Duet, "Lily Folk," L. Barney, D. O'Brien; "Life of Sheridan," essay, A. Howland; "The Bonnie Little Brownies," chorus; cornet duet, L. O'Brien, L. Barney; recitation, "Sheridan's Ride," W. Devine; violin solo, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," T. Barry; song, "Love's Old Sweet Song," L. Barney, T. Barry; recitation, "Old Glory," L. Sulle; song, "When My Girl from Tipperary Tips Me," A. Kelley; cornet duet, L. O'Brien, L. Barney; solo, D. O'Brien; recitation, "Closing Address," G. Turner.

Ladies' night of the Twenty-five club was pleasantly observed at the Waterbury inn Monday evening. One of Landlord Davis' fine banquets was served, with elaborate menus and tiny silk flags as souvenirs, to 89 people. Music was furnished by Trombello's orchestra. The president of the club, Rev. W. L. Boi-court, was the toastmaster of the evening, those responding being C. C. Graves to the "Ladies," Mrs. W. L. Vasson the "Gentlemen," and Joseph T. Smith, "The Father of Our Country," at the close of which two verses of "America" were sung. Different games were played, a jolly social time passed, and at 11:30 sugar on snow was served.

This evening in the church at South Duxbury there will be an address by George Magwood of Boston on the temperance issue. This is under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. There will be special music and an interesting address is assured. Everyone is invited, but it is especially hoped that the voters may be present.

Frank Callahan lost a good horse Monday from the result of sticking a rusty nail in her foot four weeks ago.

Mrs. Ellen Baird has so far recovered that Mrs. Ramsdell returned to the home of Mrs. George Morse last week.

Mrs. F. C. Evans of Burlington has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Lease.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Claire are in Burlington to-day to attend the annual state veterinary medical meeting at the Hotel Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ryan are the parents of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. LeBaron and Miss Kathleen LeBaron were in Burlington yesterday, guests of W. Roy LeBaron, for the college kake walk.

Summer Stearns is confined to the house by illness.

Everett Hillman, who has been in the employ of the Demeritt company for some time, has gone to Peabody, Mass., where he has a position with the Turner Tannery Machine company.

A party of 14 ladies and gentlemen came from Burlington yesterday and made the ascent of Camel's Hump from Callahan's on snowshoes.

Forrest Harvey was home from Windsor over Sunday.

The condition of Edward Woodard in South Duxbury is quite serious.

Prof. Bowes of Barre was a recent guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Claire.

Adjutant General Lee S. Tiltonson speaks to the men at the Congregational church to-night.

Mrs. Myron Graves, who has been suffering with asthma, is better.

BETHEL

The regular meeting of the Woman's Relief corps was held yesterday afternoon. The Randolph corps was invited and about 20 accepted the invitation. The program arranged by a committee included instrumental music by Miss Mildred Shaw and Mrs. Ida Davis; Washington quotations by members of the corps; readings by Mrs. W. H. Arnold, Miss Pearl Ralph and Miss Mary Tewksbury; and a vocal solo by Mrs. F. C. Putnam. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, olives, cake and coffee were served.

The town basketball team and the Company F team clashed so hard in the two previous contests that neither will consent to play the rubber game on the opponent's floor. An arrangement will probably be made to play off the tie at Randolph.

Albert B. Washburn is in New York for a week's visit and on his return hopes to attend the automobile show in Boston.

Mrs. E. G. Gonyea has returned from Island Pond, where she went with the remains of her mother, and from Montreal, where she visited her cousin, Mrs. Cobb, who was here last summer and who is now ill at a hospital in that city.

A son was born Feb. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Achilli Caranichini.

Friends here have learned of the marriage Dec. 26 last of Mrs. Emma (Freel) Dyke, widow of the late Henry L. Dyke, formerly of this town, to Thomas E. Small of South Harwich, Mass., where she now lives.

Miss Bernice Rogers returned to-day to Northampton, Mass., after a brief visit at home.

Warner A. Graham of Bellows Falls was here last evening on his way to Rochester.

Washington's birthday visitors included Philip D. Noble from the University of Vermont, Miss Ruth Dearing from Belmont, Mass., Arthur A. Dearing from Newburgh university, Misses Zilpha and Zilpha Banney from Burlington, Harry Graham and A. C. Kerr from Northfield, Mass.

Alfred W. Arnold is here from Providence, R. I.

Miss Dorothy Rourke of Melrose, Mass., is visiting at the home of E. A. Davis.

Miss Mary Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Gay were in Randolph Center to-day to attend the funeral of H. C. Gilbert, who died last Sunday. He was well known here and spent a few of his later years in this village with relatives.

Eleven young people went to Littleville station by the White River train yesterday forenoon, explored Vulture mountain on snowshoes, were entertained for dinner at E. B. Chamberlain's and returned on the afternoon train.

The young women's sewing circle met last evening at Miss Charlotte Fisher's.

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